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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment After A Final Office Action.

This is also a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the three-month response date by one month from September 2, 2003 to October 2, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee, which is believed to be \$110.00 for the one-month extension to Deposit Account No. 11-0600, and is also authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any other Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. Two duplicate copies of this transmittal letter are enclosed for these purposes.

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